

There will be a crusade, and all your allies will abandon you. Even the King of Bavaria, on whom you rely so confidently, will join the coalition. I except only the King of Saxony. He, perhaps, might remain faithful to you; but his subjects will force him to make common cause with your enemies/ The King of Naples," continued Eapp, " who had the command of the cavalry, had been to Dantzie before the Emperor. He did not seem to take a more favorable view of the approaching campaign than I did. Mnrat was dissatisfied that the Emperor would not consent to his rejoining him in Dresden ; and he said that he would rather be a captain of grenadiers than a King such as he was.⁷⁷

Here I interrupted Rapp to tell him what had fallen from Murat when I met him in the Champs Klysees. "Bah!" resumed Rapp, "'Murat, brave as he was, was a craven in .Napoleon's presence! On the Emperor's arrival in Dantzie the first thing of which he spoke to me was the alliance he had just then concluded with Prussia and Austria. I. could not refrain from telling him that we did a great deal of mischief as allies ; a fact of which I was assured from the reports daily transmitted to me respecting the conduct of our troops. Bonaparte tossed his head, an you know he was in the habit of doing when he was displeased. After a moment's silence, dropping the familiar theo and thou, he said, * Monsieur le General-, this is a ten-rent which must be allowed to run itself out. It will not last long. I must first ascertain whether Alexander decidedly wishes for war.' Then, suddenly changing the subject of conversation, lie said, * Have you not lately observed something extraordinary in Murat ? I think he is quite altered, Is he ill ?' — «Hire/ replied I, ' Murat is riot ill, but he is out of spirits.' — 'Out of spirits ! but why ? Is he not satisfied with being a King?'—< Sire, Murat says he i« no King.' —* That is his own fault. Why does he make himself a .Neapolitan ? Why in ho not a Frenchman ? When ho is in his Kingdom he commits all sorts of follies. He favors the trade of England; that I will not suffer/

"WJimi," continued Rapp, "ho spoke of the favor ex-tended by Murat to the trade between Naples and England I